

# DECATUR CENTRAL BAND BOOSTER MEETING

## February 11, 2021 6:00pm



Director's Report – Tim Cox

### WINTER GUARD: JV and VARSITY

The DCHS Winter Guards have been very busy putting together their 2021 shows. The Junior Varsity guard (under the direction of Matt Scott) began their competitive season last weekend at Franklin Central HS. The group earned 2nd place (and beat 7 high school groups). They earned a Silver rating and look to be very competitive once again. The Varsity Guard will begin competing this weekend at Brownsburg HS and perform in OPEN class. They will perform at 6:39pm. Please check out the information about how many people can attend a performance via the directors info.



### WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE:

This group will begin its competition season at Decatur Central HS in two weeks. This group has worked steadily and is doing great work under their Director Mr. Staples. We are very pleased with the progress of this group so far this season as they continue to work hard. Their show will be very entertaining and feature a strong visual opening with up tempo music as well as some authentic world percussion instruments. Please make plans to see them soon.



INDOOR WINDS: This will be the 6th year for this group to exist and we are very proud of the 33 members! The show this year is called "The Grey Area". Mr. Crowder and his staff have done a great job getting the group ready! They will start their season at Decatur Central HS in two weeks (our HOME show). This is a hard working and talented Winds group and we are very excited about the future. As always we have some amazing props - thanks to the design of Ryan Prebys and our construction team led by Mr. Lucas, Mr. Winderlich and Mr. Mason.



Uniforms: A special thanks to our UNIFORM PARENTS led by Mrs. Newland. We have had to get indoor uniforms ready, altered, labeled, etc. and several people have jumped in to help out. We appreciate all of this wonderful help.



### **CHAMBER MUSIC Night Concert:**

Our Band department is once again hosting our 9th annual Chamber music concert on Tuesday Feb. 9th. This event is different in a major way this year: we are having the students do all solos (no small ensembles due to the issues with finding time to practice together and the fact that small ensembles would have to sit closer together to prepare properly.

Thus, we have 5 different rooms that will be in use with about 20 performances per room. The concert begins at 7pm and is free. Each performance will be evaluated and scored on a rubric. Please check the schedule carefully to know where your student will be performing.

### **ISSMA Solos Contest (ALL VIRTUAL)**

The ISSMA solo and ensemble contest is all virtual this year. We tested this new system in the fall with a few students and believe that it worked very well. Students that have selected to participate will record themselves and submit a video using an APP that ISSMA has contracted with. We have 39 students that are participating in this event to receive some extra feedback. By having students participate we are also meeting the criteria for the ISSMA All Music Award. We are very excited that these students are taking the initiative to get better and be leaders in our program.

**Some Show shirts for the INDOOR GROUPS:** Thanks once again to David Bex for sharing his talent with us as the designer of the 3 HS Indoor groups show shirts. Students and adults are encouraged to purchase shirts as a way to SUPPORT our students and show enthusiasm for the Indoor Programs. The shirts look awesome and also help others to recognize that “DCHS” is in the house.

**JAZZ ENSEMBLES:** The TOP DCHS Jazz band will perform at the **Pendleton Heights Jazz Festival tomorrow night!!** Our Scores will be based upon a rubric and not a point system— we are very happy with the effort and work that the band has displayed. Band#1 will play at 7:55pm in the MAIN GYM at PHHS.

### **Guard and Percussion Contests are right around the corner!!!!**

We are starting to build our list of volunteers to work each of the two weekends. **FEB. 20th and March 20th respectively.** These two contests provide MAJOR FUNDING FOR the BAND PROGRAM. Several thousands of dollars are made hosting these contests. Without parents to help we will not be successful.

We will spend some time going through the logistics for the shows tonight at the meeting. Please sign up on the website that the band boosters are using. PLEASE look at the CHARMS SITE TO SIGN UP NOW!

**New member meeting:** A new member “meet the HS Directors” will be happening Feb. 18th on Webex. We really wish we could host our usual event but have to think outside the box (as we all do) to get information to 8th graders.

**Fees:** If you have not paid your students fees please make arrangements to do so.

**Sweet Night of Jazz:** This is going to be cancelled we believe.

**Band Calendars:** We have band calendars Please make sure your family has a copy (or two). We will plan on having this on the web site as well! **Summer Calendars are available.**



**Our Marching Band Invitational is SEPTEMBER 18th Season!! I have locked in all the judges for this event.**

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!! Mr. Cox and Mr. Crowder

My thought of the week: ***Thanks to ALL of you that go above and beyond the “normal” to help our students! I am very lucky to have people like you at DCHS!!***